

In the Claims:

Claims 18-23 were canceled.

Claims have been amended as follows:

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2. The method of claim 1, wherein the compound is [a PDX polypeptide, a nucleic acid encoding a PDX polypeptide, or] a nucleic acid that increases expression of a nucleic acid that encodes a PDX polypeptide.

30. The method of claim 29, wherein said pancreatic islet gene is [selected from the group consisting of] insulin[, glucagon somatostatin and proinsulin convertase 1/3].

32. The [method] pharamaceutical composition of claim 31, wherein the compound is [a PDX polypeptide, a nucleic acid encoding a PDX polypeptide, or] a nucleic acid that increases expression of a nucleic acid that encodes a PDX polypeptide.